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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 5900.2C

Subj: Subscriptions to newspapers and magazines

Ref: (a) OPNAVNOTE 5900, ser 09B27/533264, of 12 May 1976
(canceled)

1. Purpose. To promulgate policy for approving subscriptions to newspapers and magazines.
2. Cancellation. OPNAV Instructions 5900.2B and 5900.3A.
3. Background. In 1976, the Secretary of the Navy directed substantial reductions in the number of newspaper and magazine subscriptions for Navy commands and activities within the National Capital Region. Reference (a) defined the criteria to be used in approving subscriptions to newspapers and magazines at that time.
4. Policy. The following policy is effective:
 - a. Newspapers. A single subscription for one newspaper published Monday through Friday is authorized for officials of three- or four-star rank or equivalent. A subscription for Saturday or Sunday newspapers for these officials must be justified in writing and approved by the Chief of Naval Operations. No other newspaper subscriptions are authorized.
 - b. Magazines or periodicals. Subscriptions must be held to a minimum consistent with operational requirements. Accordingly, each subscription request must contain certification by the senior official at the requesting command that magazine/periodical is absolutely necessary for operational purposes.
5. Action. Addressees will institute procedures for continuous review of newspaper and magazine subscriptions to ensure conformance to the above policy.

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